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DEAR DR. KESSLER,

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FEED CONTROL OFFICIALS LISTS DRIED POULTRY MANURE, DRIED BROILER LITTER, DRIED CATTLE WASTE AND WASTE FROM PIGS AS APPROVED CATTLE FEED INGREDIENTS. MANURE CONTAINS NOT ONLY WASTES, BUT ALSO TOXINS, INFECTIONS, PARASITES AND PATHOGENS, AS WELL AS HEAVY METALS, TOXIC CHEMICALS, DRUG RESIDUES AND A VARIETY OF VIRUSES. AAFCO REGULATIONS REQUIRE ONLY THAT FEED PRODUCTS CONTAINING MANURE BE TESTED FOR SALMONELLA AND E.COLI CONTAMINATION.

SOME FARMERS ARE LOOKING AT FEEDSTUFFS SUCH AS SOYBEAN MEAL, COTTONSEED MEAL, CORN GLUTEN AND SYNTHETIC AMINO ACIDS AS HEALTHIER ALTERNATIVES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE MORE EXPENSIVE.

THE PRACTICE OF FEEDING MANURE AND ANIMAL REMAINS COULD HAVE LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS ON HUMANS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS. I URGE THE FDA TO OUTLAW THESE DANGEROUS FEEDING PRACTICES.

SINCERELY,

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